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## SAFETY GLASSES



Russell Rosenberger has good reason to be a believer in the value of safety equipment. He was struck in the face by a wild piece of lumber recently which bent his glasses frame and caused some lacerations on his face but his eyes were unharmed.

The reason . . . his safety lenses did not break, in fact they were put into the new frames and he is still wearing them.

Russell has been made a member of the Wise Owl Club, an organization of industrial workers who have cheated blindness from accidents because they were equipped for safety.

Never miss an opportunity to make others happy—even if you have to let them alone to do it.

#### HARVEST TIMBER

Oregon's timber harvest continues to increase according to State Forester Dwight L. Phipps. The year 1963 was one of the top harvest years on record with the exception of 1959.

Of the total footage harvested 44% was from private lands, 37% from National Forests, 16% from Bureau of Land Management and the remaining 3% from state controlled lands or Indian Bureau Lands.

The volume harvested from government-managed forest lands (56%) showed a marked increase and a resultant decrease was reported in harvests on private land. One reason for these changes was the removal of extensive blow-down from the 1962 Columbus Day storm, another, the increased competition for available stumpage.

Jackson County ranked 6th in the state's volume of harvest, with Lane, Douglas and Linn Counties the respective leaders.

It is obvious that the forest products industry, and we here at MEDCO, have a definite proprietary interest and a big stake in the forest lands of our country. This interest extends from the care and protection of timber lands by careful management and harvesting practices, fire prevention and re-seeding programs, right through to the abilities to derive the maximum value and utilization from the timber harvested for our companies continued success and longevity.



## RETURNS TO MEDCO



Robert F. Higgins, who formerly worked for Medford Corporation in the capacity of Assistant Sales Manager and more recently as Sales Manager of Timber Products Company, returned to Medford Corporation as Director of Trade Relations effective July 1st.

Bob, as many of you know him, will be working directly for Russ Hogue, Executive Vice President. Bob's duties will cover many areas of responsibility important to your company including sales analysis and policy, production and sales coordination as well as other management responsibilities.

Bob received his degree at lowa State College and spent some time working for Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Co. in Bend before moving to Medford.

He is well known in the lumber fraternity and is serving on some important committees for lumber and plywood trade associations.

Bob, his wife Patty, and their four children live at 38 North Berkeley Way in Medford.

We are happy to welcome you back to the MEDCO family, Bob.

This crew it to be commended for the 112,000 ft. mark they hit the afternoon and evening of July 7th. They were working with excellent stock and conditions were right but it still required a lot of work on the part of these boys. Good Job!

Feeding core is Fred Hogue, laying the core is Glenn Elo and passing the sheets is Keith Clogston (L) and Leonard Sundberg (back to

camera).

## U.S.C.G. APPOINTMENT

Donald L. Thompson, son of Donald D. Thompson who lays core in the plywood plant on the day shift, has been selected by the United States Coast Guard Academy at New London, Conn., for cadet training.

This selection comes from scholastic records, personal interviews with Coast Guard officers and extensive physical and mental tests. Unlike other appointments which are political in nature, the Coast Guard Cadets are chosen by their own accomplishments.

Donald is a graduate of the 1964 class at Crater High School where he was on the varsity football and track teams, was delegate to Boys State in 1963 and served in many other school functions.

He left Medford July 2nd for Hartford, Conn. where he stayed with relatives until reporting in at the Academy on July 6th.

He will graduate in 1968 with the rank of Ensign, United States Coast Guard.



Floorman is Teddie Roy, mechanics are Ulma Holden and Marvin Wright, electrician is Robert Merriman to complete the crew of the graveyard shift under Ed Astell, graveyard shift supervisor. Shown above is Marvin Wright (L) and Robert Merriman (R).



The graveyard shift is cleanup time on several of the machines shut down during this shift. Duane Andrews, David Harper, Donald Stegall and Jim Webb handle these duties over the plant. Shown above is Jim Webb with the high pressure air hose used to clean around the clippers

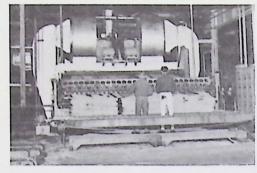
## GRAVEYARD SHIFT



Dryer graders are Robert Gibson, Donald Gay, Dan McKey, Charles Anderson, Floyd Hugo-boom, Gerald Glossop, Ray Sherrill, John



Weaver, Roy Jenkins and Larry Root. The above shots show some of these men.



The short core stock and white speck requires additional help on dryer No. 1. Shown here, Loyd Wright on the left and Chuck McKibben on the right. Steve Hill is the dryer tender who keeps everything going.





Jitney driver feeding stacks to the dryer systems on graveyard is Arnold R. Arens shown above. On the other jitney is Michael McNeal (not shown).





The edge-glue job on graveyard is done by Roland Hogue (top arrow), John Rhodes (center arrow) and Alfred Hines (bottom arrow).



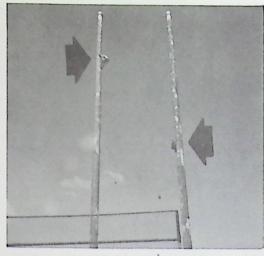
Three of the Raimann patcher operators are shown here, David Nienow (L) Don McCurdy (center) and Bob Hogenson (R).



Shown on the Raimann patchers we have Robert Hammond (left) and Wes France (right).

# MEDCO NEWS & VIEWS

### CARNIVAL CHAMPIONSHIP TIMBER ALBANY, OREGON - JULY 3-4-5



Speedclimbing is always a thriller, especially the return trip as many of the boys can toss their hat in the air at the top of the pole and then beat it to the ground.

No timber carnival is complete without the

burling contest as shown here with two log



The old-time "misery whip" is brought out of mothballs for the log bucking contest. A new record of 1 minute 11.1 seconds for sawing through this 26 inch log was set by Mery Lentz of Cresswell, Oregon.





of the 100 ft. spar tree via helicopter to thrill the crowd.

### VISITOR COUNT

We have had several visitors in our plants since January 1st . . . 651 to be exact. We can be proud that so many people have selected our company operations to visit and learn about the production of lumber and plywood

Schools comprise a large part of the visiting groups with Crater Lake Park sending 12 students and 5 adults. Elk-Trail School sent 20 of their 5th araders, Eagle Point sent 41 students from their 4th grade accompanied by 3 adults. Cub Scouts visiting numbered 6 and the Lone Pine Bluebirds numbered 16. We had 2 people from England and Los Angeles Pacific College sent 30 visitors.

Hardly a day passes when we do not have visitors, many of them from distant places who will be telling others about their trip through the plant. We should make some effort to leave a favorable impression with these people . . . who knows, they might want to buy some lumber and plywood.

## WEDDING BELLS

Wayne Clymer was married to Joyce Louise Staats on June 26th at the First Presbyterian Church in Medford. The couple then took a wedding trip into California visiting Shasta Lake and other attractions. They will make their home in Medford.

John Hodson and Mary Katherine Gregg were married at the St. Peter's Luthern Church on June 27th at 7:30 p.m. After the reception at the church. the couple left for a honeymoon trip to Nevada and California. The bride will be teaching in the Eagle Point school next year.

## BONES & BACKS

Hank Young suffered a back injury while on vacation and has not been able to return to work as yet.

Frank Mitchell has returned to the job on a limited basis ofter breaking his ankle while playing basketball with the kids.



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## ACCIDENT SCORE

Looks like the scoreboard is improving daily in the plywood plant. Although some of the groups have not matched their previous record at this time . . . they have only a few days to go before they are on top. Others have racked up some real good records and are still going strong.

Dept.	Shift	Now	Before
Green End	day	461	230
Green End	swg	179	384
Green End	gyd	737	0
Veneer Prep	day	408	419
Veneer Prep	swg	355	406
Veneer Prep	gyd	389	396
Panel	day	55	313
Panel	swg	460	466
Finish & Ship	day	751	207
Finish & Ship	swg	710	420
Maintenance	day	48	319
Maintenance	swg	696	275
Maintenance	gyd	653	447
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Let's all make a special effort to keep everybody out of the hospital and off the accident list . . .

## FISHING STORIES

Ken Pickens, Tom Stanton, and their wives made an expedition into the wilderness in search of the wily trout. Their trip took them into the Blue Canyon area which required considerable hiking, much of it over snow banks and adverse grades.

Seems Ken put his dog to work by walking ahead on the trail while his wife held the leash . . . the eager dog aided Mrs. Pickens considerably in climbing the steep grades.

Although it was a rough trip, the reward was some very nice Eastern Brook trout.

Frank Costa spent the vacation at Diamond Lake but reports the fishing was not so good . . . the relaxation was fine.

Fishing on Buck Creek above Butte Falls was excellent said Chuck Burgess who took his family on an outing over the weekend of the 4th.

Stan Delgado with his family and in-laws went fishing over the holiday on the Rogue River above Casey Park. Everyone caught their limit of 10" to 12" trout within a couple of hours. It seems that Stan and crew were fishing just below a hatchery truck in the process of releasing several hundred fish. Hows that for a stacked deck?

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FIRST GLASS!

## VACATION NOTES

Chester Bowles and family made a trip to Los Angeles to visit his ailing mother. Chester had surgery recently on his hand which will keep him off the job for a while.

Tom Hutchins, his wife and their daughter Pat, went to South San Francisco to visit Tom's son and daughterin-law. Actually, the purpose of the trip was to see Tom's grandson. You should see Tom beam when he speaks of the little man.

Our sympathy is extended to Bill Buffington . . . on his recent trip to the Los Angeles area he discovered that the beach was nearby and possibly some "topless" bathing suits . . . but he says his wife wouldn't let him visit the beach (alone).

Ed Musgrave went to Seaside but found the weather so cold and windy he stayed only two days and returned to the Rogue Valley.

Ralph Burkhart and wife went to Seaside for clamming and reported the luck was only fair . . . they got several razor clams. They visited Agate Flats in search of rocks and found a freshly killed deer left by a cougar with evidence of his being nearby.

Ed Andren entertained guests from California over the vacation shutdown by taking them to Howard Prairie for some fishing . . . says they caught some nice fish, too!

## TRIP EAST

Russ Hogue made a trip through some of the Southern and Eastern states recently. It was a dual purpose trip, making business calls and also taking the family along for the trip. They visited New Orleans, New York, Saginaw and Lansing, Michigan, Grand Island, Nebraska and Salt Lake City to name a few of the stops. They spent a little time at the World's Fair but soon tired of the heat and walking.

## ARE YOU READY

Plans are already underway for the best company picnic ever. Granted, it will have to be very good to surpass last years outing but we can sure try for perfection. Remember the date — August 29th so start brushing up on your horseshoe pitching, softball etc.

## BABY CORNER

On June 7th, Bob and Vicki Theis became the proud parents of a beautiful little girl they have named Michelle. She weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz. and is the first child for this couple.

Little Tawnya Bertak arrived on June 10th for Frank and Barbara Bertak. She arrived weighing 8 lbs. 8 oz. and has a brother just one year older than she.

On June 16th, Roberta and Dick Halley welcomed little Scott Anthony into their family. He weighed 6 lbs. 3 oz. and has a brother to keep him from becoming lonesome.

Leonard and Martha Sundberg had their third child on June 21st when little Krista Marlene joined the family. She weighed 8 lbs. 3 oz. and has a brother and sister.

Lawrence and Virginia Cavin now count two daughters with the arrival of Cheryl Ann on June 27th. The new arrival weighed 6 lbs. Our information is limited as we couldn't get to Butte Falls to visit before the paper was printed.

## MARKET TRENDS

The plywood market seems to be seeking a steadier level recently but a firm market has not yet developed. The lumber market also seems to be on a bit firmer basis with Pine Commons and White Fir showing a little midsummer activity.

Perhaps general vacation periods will serve to improve the overall market conditions.